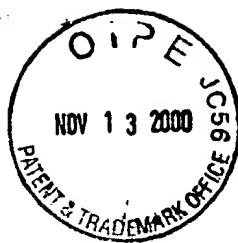


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2000, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 29-33 and 44-48, Group II, namely Claims 29-48, and Group III, namely Claims 49-84. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group II (Claims 29-48). Upon election of the Group II invention, the Examiner has also required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species of a guanidinium-group containing compound to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant hereby elects arginine as the species of guanidinium-group containing compound. Having elected Group II as the invention and elected arginine as the species of guanidinium-group containing compound, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims and species.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that

further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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